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Docket Number (Optional)  
SUNMP554

First named inventor: J. Duane Northcutt

Application No.: 09/063,335

Art Unit: 2154

Filed: April 20, 1998

Examiner: VU, V.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A VIRTUAL DESKTOP SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

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In re the patent application of

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Application No: 09/063,335

Filing Date: April 20, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROVIDING A VIRTUAL DESKTOP  
SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE



Docket No. SUNMP554

Group Art Unit: 2154

Examiner: V. Vu

Date: October 5, 2005

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**TRANSMITTAL OF THE STATEMENT FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR  
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Applicants hereby attach the following documents:

- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
- Amendment;
- Statement of Facts Supporting a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b); and
- Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Applicants respectfully request these documents be made of record.

Please send all correspondence to:

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A check in the amount of \$2,290.00 is being submitted to cover the filing fees for these documents. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be due, or any overpayments to Deposit Account 50-0805 (SUNMP554). If the Commissioner has any questions concerning these documents, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**21545**Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A VIRTUAL DESKTOP SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

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STATEMENT OF FACTS SUPPORTING A PETITION FOR  
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Dear Sir:

The following is a review of the original case file for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/063,335 and a review of the factual timeline of events that are relevant to a new Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). The scope of this review includes documents and other related materials that were held in the original case file. The original case file, as noted below, was transferred to the undersigned in an abandoned state.

On April 4, 1998, a patent application titled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A VIRTUAL DESTOP SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE" (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/063,335) was filed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office by the law firm Hecker & Harriman on behalf of Sun Microsystems, Inc. (the assignee).

On September 18, 2000, Sun Microsystems, Inc. directed the transfer of the case file all responsibilities for the 09/063,335 application from Hecker & Harriman to the Coudert Brothers law firm.

On October 26, 2000, the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office mailed a final Office Action to the law firm of Hecker & Harriman. Gary A. Hecker, the attorney of record at Hecker & Harriman, indicated in a subsequent letter sent July 18, 2001 to the law firm Coudert Brothers that his firm never received this final Office Action from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. The case file for the 09/063,335 application was in the process of being transferred from Hecker & Harriman to Coudert Brothers between the period of October 6, 2000 and November 13, 2000.

On December 12, 2000, the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office acknowledged a change in Power of Attorney and correspondence address for the 09/063,335 application, naming Coudert Brothers as the new attorneys for the application.

On July 9, 2001, the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office sent a Notice of Abandonment for the 09/063,335 application to Coudert Brothers indicating that the abandonment was for failure to respond to the October 26, 2000 final Office Action sent to the Hecker Law Group.

On September 21, 2001, Coudert Brothers filed a **Petition for Revival of An Application** under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) and a response to the October 26, 2000 final Office Action with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office without concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b).

On March 12, 2002, O'Melveny & Myers, LLP mailed a Revocation/ Appointment of Power Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address letter to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, naming them as the new attorneys for the application. There was no acknowledgment of receipt of the letter by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

On September 11, 2002 the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office mailed their decision in regards to the Petition for Revival of An Application filed on September 21, 2001. The decision was addressed to Coudert Brothers whom no longer represented Sun Microsystems, Inc. on the 09/063,335 application. There are no documents in the case file which indicate that Coudert Brothers received or forwarded the decision letter to O'Melveny & Myers. Further, the undersigned was not aware of the decision to deny the revival until after a Power of Attorney was accepted by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for the undersigned in April 13, 2005. On August 29, 2005, the undersigned obtained a copy of the decision from the Examiner who faxed it to the undersigned.

On June 16, 2004, O'Melveny & Myers transferred over 200 patent case files to the current firm of record, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella, LLP. Included in the transfer was the case file for the 09/063,335 application.

On September 20, 2004, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella contacted Sun Microsystems, Inc. to request instructions on what to do with the 09/063,335 application, as it appeared to be abandoned.

On December 20, 2004, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella was authorized by Sun Microsystems, Inc. to investigate the status and file a Change in Power of Attorney (naming MPG as the new attorneys on the case) request with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office for the 09/063,335 application. Martine, Penilla & Gencarella never received a response from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office regarding the request.

On March 18, 2005, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella filed another Revocation in Prior Powers and Change in Power of Attorney request with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office asking for expedited review.

On April 13, 2005, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella received a Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Between April 2005 and August of 2005, the responsibilities for the 09/063,335 application were transitioned from one Sun Microsystems, Inc. responsible attorney to another at Sun Microsystems, Inc attorney.

On August 24, 2005, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella made an inquiry with the Patent Application Information Retrieval System to check on the status of the 09/063,335 application. The application was determined to have been abandoned as of July 9, 2001 and at this point, the undersigned learned that the Petition to Revive was denied as of September 11, 2002.



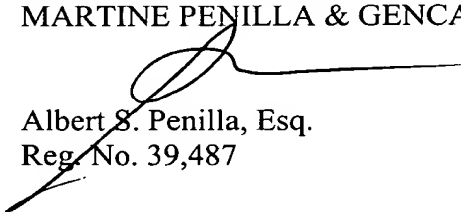
On August 25, 2005, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella contacted Examiner Vu (Art Unit 2154) to obtain a copy of the petition decision of September 11, 2002 (as noted above).

On August 29, 2005, Martine, Penilla & Gencarella received a faxed copy of the petition decision from the U.S Patent & Trademark Office. It was determined that the petition failed due to the failure by Coudert Brothers to file a Request for Continued Examination with the petition. This decision was communicated to Sun Microsystems, Inc. on the same day.

On September 21, 2005, Sun Microsystems, Inc. instructed Martine, Penilla & Gencarella to revive the 09/063,335 application.

The above statement of facts have been provided to show that there was no intent to abandon the 09/063,335 application. Accordingly, this statement of facts supports the reason why the Office should revive the application under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b).

Respectfully submitted,  
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